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OPTICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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The undersigned certifies (except for the family patents cited herein) that either (1) each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement, or (2) no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The references noted on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in the counterpart Japanese Patent Application and mailed to applicants on June 13, 2006.

Applicant wishes to note the following family related reference:

U.S. Patent No. 5,858,823 (previously cited) is in the same family as Japanese Application No. JP-08-070129.

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U.S. Patent Nos. 5,453,858; 5,514,879; 5,614,732; 5,701,167; 5,849,601 (previously cited); 5,859,445; 6,011,277; 6,023,075; 6,252,249; 6,281,520, 6,306,213; 6,737,676; and U.S. Publication Nos. 2001/0054714 and 2001/0014535 are in the same family as Japanese Application No. JP-04-186775.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,727,044; 4,949,700; 5,142,344; 5,313,077; 6,221,701; 6,635,520; 6,660,574; 6,680,486; 6,734,499; 5,315,132 (previously cited); and 5,543,636 (previously cited) are in the same family as Japanese Application No. JP-60-245173.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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